

## Glenn Ivan Sawyer



As executive and subsequently general secretary of the Ontario Medical Association between 1952 and 1973, Dr. Glenn Sawyer guided the OMA during a period that saw its greatest growth in membership, services and influence. For 12 years he combined these duties with those of editor of the *Ontario Medical Review* to which he contributed crisp, clearly argued articles. He established a reputation as a wise and clever administrator who nevertheless never forgot the day-to-day problems of physicians.

During his years of general practice in St. Thomas, Ont. (1938-52), he helped orchestrate the beginnings of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, and after his move to the OMA he championed refresher courses, conferences on co-operation between health professionals and consumers, and the need for doctors to recognize their moral and legal responsibilities. He

was a key member of the committee that rewrote the CMA code of ethics in 1969. "Dr. Sawyer", remembers one OMA colleague, "was the guy who sat at coffee gatherings or board meetings and didn't say much, then came up with the solution that everybody had been screaming to reach."

In 1959 he helped organize the *Mediscope* exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition that dramatically displayed the advances of modern medicine to the public.

When he was made a senior member of the CMA in 1973, the citation read, "Dr. Sawyer, in the last years, has probably shaken hands with at least half the physicians in Canada."

The year after he became a senior member of the CMA, Dr. Sawyer was awarded the association's medal of service. By then he had already embarked on his next career. In 1973, at the age of 65, he returned to the University of Western Ontario, where he had taken his BA in 1933 and his MD in 1936, and enrolled in the faculty of law. "The next oldest student in my class was born the year I graduated in medicine," he recalls. Dr. Sawyer turned his considerable energies to law because medicolegal affairs had always interested him, and because as citizens become more litigious, "it is important for physicians to know what the dangers are and how to keep out of them." On graduating, he co-authored with Gilbert Sharpe, a lawyer with the Ontario Ministry of Health, "Doctors and the Law". It was published in 1978 and was the first new book on the subject since 1957, despite the enormous shifts

in law and opinion on such contentious issues as consent and malpractice, and changes in medical practice, that had occurred in the meantime.

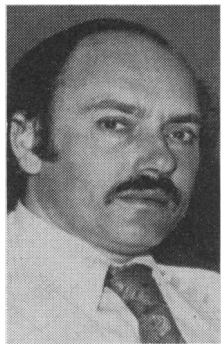
This book was hardly off the presses before Dr. Sawyer was at work on another one, "The First Hundred Years", a history of the OMA published in the fall of 1980. From January 1977 to December 1980 he was also executive director of the Ontario Association of Medical Laboratories, an organization of 220 private labs.

Dr. Sawyer is still busy in medicolegal affairs as a seminar speaker. He also contributes book reviews and a regular column to the *Ontario Medical Review*. The future of the profession to which he devoted most of his working life — medicine — continues to concern him, especially the aspect he has written about many times through the years: "The art of medicine — communication with compassion — enhances the knowledge and understanding of both the patient and physician, and it creates the vital environment of mutual respect, confidence and cooperation."

Today Dr. Sawyer lives in Strathroy, Ontario, near his daughter Glenna who is assistant director of nursing at the local hospital. His wife Meta died very recently, after a long illness.

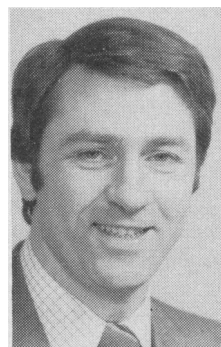
If he had the choice, would he have followed the same two careers in the same order? "I think so," he replies, "medicine is certainly as attractive a career as ever, because the potential for doing good is so much greater today than when I was practising."

Charlotte Gray



**Naimark** The dean of the faculty of medicine at the University of Manitoba Dr. **Arnold Naimark** has been appointed president of the university, effective July 1. He succeeds Dr. **Ralph Campbell**. Born in Winnipeg, Dr. Naimark graduated from the University of Manitoba medical school in 1957. He also received a master's of science degree from the university of which he will be president. After postgraduate studies in Britain and the US, he joined the staff of the University of Manitoba in 1963 as assistant professor of physiology. He became head of the department of physiology in 1966 and dean of medicine in 1971. In 1976 the Royal College of Surgeons of England elected him as the Sir Arthur Sims Commonwealth Travelling Professor.

Dr. Naimark is a specialist in internal medicine and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



**Standage** Associate professor of psychiatry in Memorial University's faculty of medicine Dr. **Kevin Standage** has been appointed chief of the department of psychiatry at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital. Dr. Standage has been acting chief at St. Clare's since September when former chief Dr. **Clive Mellor** was appointed professor and chairman of the discipline of psychiatry at Memorial's medical school and senior consultant to the hospitals affiliated with the university.

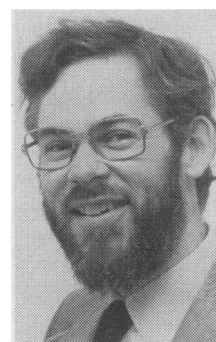
A native of England, Dr. Standage completed his undergraduate and most of his postgraduate medical training at Guy's Hospital, University of London. He has been in

Newfoundland since 1972 when he was appointed assistant professor of psychiatry at Memorial and staff psychiatrist at St. Clare's. Dr. Standage has published widely and presented a number of papers on neuropsychiatry and personality disorders at scientific meetings.



**Kuchel** The Clinical Research Institute of Montreal has awarded the Marcel Piché prize for 1980 to Dr. **Otto Kuchel**. A specialist in nephrology and hypertension, Dr. Kuchel is director of the laboratory of the autonomic nervous system at the institute as well as professor of medicine at the University of Montreal and professor (associated member) of the department of experimental medicine at McGill University.

The prize was established by the president of the Clinical Research Institute, Mr. Marcel Piché, to recognize excellence in the work of a scientist during his career at the institute. Dr. Kuchel joined the institute 10 years ago and is the author of more than 200 scientific communications. He is also well-known as a speaker on topics in his specialty.



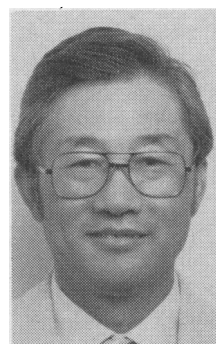
**Potter** The newly appointed chairman of the department of the history of medicine and science at the University of Western Ontario is Dr. **Paul M.J. Potter**. He has been acting chairman of the department since 1979 and a member of the university's faculty of medicine since 1974 when he was appointed as the first Hannah professor at an Ontario medical school. Dr. Potter is a graduate of the McGill Univer-

sity faculty of medicine (1968) and holds a PhD in philosophy from Kiel University, Germany.



**Turpie** A resident in internal medicine at McMaster University Dr. **Irene Turpie** has won the \$10 000 Nicholas M. and Hedy J. Munk Geriatric Award for 1980. Dr. Turpie will use the award to gain further experience in geriatrics by working with Sir Ferguson Anderson who held the world's first chair in geriatrics at Glasgow University. She will also travel in the United Kingdom and Israel.

Born in Scotland, Dr. Turpie is a Canadian citizen. She received her medical degree from Glasgow University and did internships in Scotland and Kenya.



**Lee** The new chief of cardiology at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, is Dr. **Simon Lee**. He is also professor of medicine at the University of Alberta. His new appointment, supported by the Alberta Heritage Trust Fund cardiac program, includes both administration and research. A graduate of the college of medicine at Seoul National University, Korea, in 1957, Dr. Lee did postgraduate studies at the University of Western Ontario in London before moving to Edmonton where he was with the department of cardiology at the University Hospital from 1966-1980. In 1964 Dr. Lee was a research fellow at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, and from 1966-69 he was a senior research fellow for the Canadian Heart Foundation.